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Dear Jeffrey,

On March 8, 2005, you sent us an office action on our patent application 09/930,029, "Method And Apparatus For A Web-Based Application Service Model For Security Management." In that office action you declared a restriction and said (in part):

"1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-22 and 52-58, drawn to a method for setting access permissions for a user.
- II. Claims 23-31 and 57-58, drawn to a method for setting access permissions to separate portions of the system.
- III. Claims 32-51 and 57-58, drawn to a cryptographic method and system including maintenance tasks performed by an administrator."

In effect, you were saying we had three inventions in one application, and you requested that we restrict the instant application to one of the three claim subsets described above.

After examining our application, we decided to agree with you and on March 29, an associate of mine, Alex Gelf, and I called you and we discussed our response. As I told you on March 29, we request that you proceed to examine invention I (claims 1-22 and 52-58) as the current (restricted) application, and we will file Continuations-In-Part on the other two inventions over the next few months.

If there are any questions, you can contact me at 408-398-7715, email bill.sweet@sivault.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Sweet".

William B. Sweet
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